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May 10, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF A PHACOEMULSIFICATION SYSTEM AND SURGICAL
MEDIA CENTER FROM LOS ANGELES BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH
INSTITUTE TO COUNTY HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to accept a Phacoemulsification System and Surgical Media Center from Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept a Whitestar Signature Phacoemulsification System and Surgical Media Center with a total market value of \$110,500, donated by Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute (LA BioMed), to treat adult and pediatric patients with cataracts at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (H-UCLA MC) and delegate authority to the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to sign any documents to effectuate the donation.
2. Instruct the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, to prepare and send a letter of appreciation to LA BioMed for the generous donation to H-UCLA MC.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In accordance with County policy, donations in excess of \$10,000 require acceptance by your Board. Abbot Medical Optics (AMO), the manufacturer of the Whitestar Signature Phacoemulsification System and Surgical Media Center, donated the system to LA BioMed for the benefit of the adult and pediatric patients at H-UCLA MC, and the training of Ophthalmology Residents. LA BioMed, in turn, is now donating the system to H-UCLA MC.

The current phacoemulsification system at H-UCLA MC is about ten years old, and is out of service approximately 20 percent of the time, resulting procedures having to be postponed while repairs are made. H-UCLA MC will keep the current system as a back-up once the new system is installed, which will increase the number of patients served due to a reduction in the equipment downtime and postponed procedures.

Approval of the first recommendation will allow the facility to accept the donation and the second recommendation will acknowledge receipt of the generous donation.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 4, Health and Mental Health, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There are no immediate net County costs associated with the acceptance and installation of the Whitestar Signature Phacoemulsification System and Surgical Media Center. The system has a market value of \$110,500, and will be installed by AMO at no cost to the County.

The manufacturer's warranty for the equipment will transfer to Harbor and will expire on August 2012. The extended warranty maintenance service contract will cost the County approximately \$5,500 annually.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 2.4.2 of the County Fiscal Manual authorizes County departments to accept donations in excess of \$10,000 with Board approval.

The Phacoemulsification System and Surgical Media Center is used to treat adult and pediatric patients who have cataracts. The phacoemulsification procedure uses a device that emits ultrasonic energy to break up and remove the cataract, allowing an intraocular lens to be inserted to improve vision. Cataract surgery is the most common major surgery performed in the United States, with more than one million procedures performed last year. With the new equipment in place it is anticipated that 250-300 patients will benefit from this procedure annually.

This system will also benefit H-UCLA MC's residency training program. To obtain certification as an ophthalmologist, residents must conduct at least 86 cataract surgeries during their residency. Cataract surgery is the most basic surgical skill common to all ophthalmologists.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will help enhance the quality of health care delivered to cataract patients at H-UCLA MC.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Katz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

May 10, 2011

David Meyer, Ph.D.
President/CEO
Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute
1124 West Carson Street
Torrance, CA 90502-2064

Dear Dr. Meyer:

At the meeting held on May 10, 2011, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accepted, with gratitude, the donation of a Whitestar Signature Phacoemulsification System and Surgical Media Center with a market value of \$110,500 for use at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. This critical piece of patient care equipment will greatly benefit the patients requiring cataract surgery and the ophthalmology residency training program at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

The Board members have requested that I express their appreciation to Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center for this generous donation.

It is also noted that this donation is not intended by either party to influence the County to purchase products of Abbott Medical Optics.

Very truly yours,

Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

Acknowledged and Agreed:

David Meyer, Ph.D.
President/CEO Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute

Date

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